

To The Respective  
**M E M B E R S**  
OF THE  
**H O U S E of C O M M O N S,**  
THE H U M B L E  
**A P P L I C A T I O N.**  
Of the P E O P L E, Commonly Called  
**Q U A K E R S.**

**W**EE the said People, being a Member of that Body which You Represent, and concerned in Trade and Industry, and Employing many Poor in the Manufactories of this Nation; as also in Contributing to the Charge of the Government according to our Abilities; Do Desire and Humbly Crave, That our Liberties, Rights and Properties, may be Secured to us and ours; That we may no longer be Exposed to Unjust and Vexatious Suits, nor be a Prey to Ill Disposed Persons, who take Advantage against us, to Prosecute and Ruine us, meerly because in point of Tender Conscience, ~~we dare not Swear in any Case~~; which is in Obedience to the Command of our Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, as we verily believe is our Duty in this Gospel-Day; but hold our selves Obligated to Declare and Testifie the Truth without Oath, in Cases wherein our Answers and Testimonies may be required.

*Wherefore we Humbly Entreat Your Christian Compassion in Your Favourable Acceptance of our Petition, which is, For Leave to bring in a Bill for our Relief; and so to Consider our Suffering-Case, as if it were Your Own, and You in our stead; That we and our Posterities, may have Cause to Bless the Lord on Your Behalf.*